

## Max-Planck Odense Center on the Biodemography of Aging

*Grand Opening*

*Thursday, 31 January 2013, 10:00-18:30*

*Venue: University of Southern Denmark, Health Sciences, J.B. Winsløws Vej 25, Odense*

### Symposium: Why Biology? Why Demography? Why Aging?

- Chair: Prof. Dr. Henrik Pedersen  
Dean of Science, University of Southern Denmark, Odense
- 09.30 - 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 - 10:10 Welcome  
Prof. Dr. Jens Oddershede  
Rector of the University of Southern Denmark, Odense
- 10:10 - 10:30 Dr. Annette Baudisch: *Perspectives on the Root of Aging*  
Head of the Independent Research Group Modeling the Evolution of Aging  
Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock
- 10:30 - 10:50 Prof. Dr. Hal Caswell: *Individual Stochasticity in Biodemography*  
Biology Department, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- 10:50 - 11:10 Prof. Dr. Tom Kirkwood CBE: *Implications of Longevity for Public Policy and Health Care Needs*  
Associate Dean for Ageing, Institute for Ageing and Health, Newcastle University
- 11:10 - 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 - 11:50 Prof. Dr. Rudi G. J. Westendorp: *The New Biology of Aging*  
Executive Director of the Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing / Leiden University Medical Center
- 11:50 - 12:10 Prof. Dr. Pekka Martikainen: *Aging and Social Differences in Health and Mortality*  
Head of the Population Research Unit, Department of Social Research, University of Helsinki
- 12:10 - 12:30 Prof. Dr. Deborah Roach: *Cumulative Damage Causes Aging*  
Department of Biology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 12:30 - 12:50 Prof. Dr. James W. Vaupel: *Biodemography of Human Aging*  
Director of the Max-Planck Odense Center
- 12:50 - 14:00 Lunch

## 14:00 - 14:40 Opening Ceremony

Chair:

Prof. Dr. Ole Skøtt

Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Southern Denmark, Odense

Prof. Dr. Jens Oddershede

Rector of the University of Southern Denmark, Odense

Prof. Dr. Peter Gruss

President of the Max Planck Society, Munich

Uffe Toudal Pedersen

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education, Copenhagen

Michael Zenner

German Ambassador to Denmark, Copenhagen

## 14:40 - 15:10 The Max-Planck Odense Center on the Biodemography of Aging: A New Approach in European Aging Research

Prof. Dr. Donald E. Canfield

University of Southern Denmark / Max-Planck Odense Center on the Biodemography of Aging

Prof. Dr. Kaare Christensen

University of Southern Denmark / Max-Planck Odense Center on the Biodemography of Aging

Prof. Dr. James W. Vaupel

Director of the Max-Planck Odense Center on the Biodemography of Aging

15:10 - 15:30 Coffee Break

## 15:30 - 17:00 Panel Debate: Aging Unlimited – What Does Rising Longevity Mean for Europe?

Moderator:

Lone Frank

Journalist, Weekendavisen, Copenhagen

Thomas Børner

Senior Advisor of the Minister of Finance, Copenhagen

Éric Chaney

Chief Economist AXA Group, Head of Research, AXA Investment Managers, Paris

Dr. Manfred Huber

Coordinator, Healthy Ageing, Disability and Long-term Care, World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen

Prof. Dr. Kirk Scott

Centre for Economic Demography, Lund University / Stockholm University Demography Unit

## Closing Remarks

Prof. Dr. Jens Oddershede

Rector of the University of Southern Denmark, Odense

## 17:00- 18:30 Reception